





**C. P. LAMMERT.**AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER  
AND SURVEYOR.  
**Public Auctions.**

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

**WEDNESDAY, April 3, 1919,**  
commencing at 2.30 p.m.  
at No. 2 Muden Villas, Kowloon.

A Quantity of  
**Valuable Household Furniture,**  
comprising:—  
Mahogany drawing room suite,  
mahogany couch, easy chairs, desk &  
bookcase, cherrywood table, blackwood  
benches, console mirror, marble clock,  
curtains, color prints, engravings, pictures,  
carpets, etc., etc.

Teak extension dining table & chairs,  
teak sideboard & dinner wagon, teak  
silver cabinets, American refrigerator,  
silver, community & electro-plated  
ware, cutlery, dinner & dessert services,  
glassware, etc., etc.

American made mahogany twin beds-  
steads, double teak & iron bedsteads,  
American made mahogany dresser,  
single & double mahogany & teak  
wardrobes with bevelled mirrors,  
chiffonier with bevelled mirror, teak  
dressing tables and marble top wash-  
stands, etc., etc.

Also  
Pantry and Kitchen Requisites.

And

1 Victrola with cabinet and records.  
1 Electric ceiling fan.  
On view from Tuesday, the 1st April.  
Catalogue will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

**GEO. P. LAMMERT,**  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 23, 1919.

on

**FRIDAY, April 4, 1919,**  
Commencing at 2.30 p.m.,  
at No. 4 Quarry Point, Quarry Bay.  
A Quantity of Valuable  
Household Furniture,

comprising:—

Plush covered drawing room suite,  
blackwood cabinet, tables, teapoye,  
screen & flower stands, teak desk &  
bookcase, brass fenders and fire brasses,  
lace curtains, pictures, carpets, rugs,  
etc., etc.

Mahogany extension dining table,  
leather covered dining chairs, marble  
top sideboard, dinner wagon, teak  
overmantels, brass standard lamp, dinner  
& dessert services, etc., etc.

Double brass & single iron bedsteads,  
teak single & double wardrobes with  
bevelled mirrors, dressing table &  
marble top washstand, camphorwood  
chest of drawers, toilet crockery, glass-  
ware, etc., etc.

Also

1 Upright Grand Piano by "The  
Robinson Piano Co." in fine condition.  
1 Victrola with record cabinet &  
records.

1 Singer sewing machine.  
1 Iron safe.

And

A Quantity of Plants in Pots.  
On view from Thursday, the 3rd  
April 1919.

Catalogue will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

**GEO. P. LAMMERT,**  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 23, 1919.

on

**WEDNESDAY, April 3, 1919,**  
commencing at 12 o'clock (noon)  
at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,  
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

The Wreck of the  
**"S.S. YAMAMOTO"**  
(2932 tons net register)

As she now lies on Alligator Island  
(near "Poo-hoo") with all anchors,  
chains, gear and appurtenances,  
&c. &c.

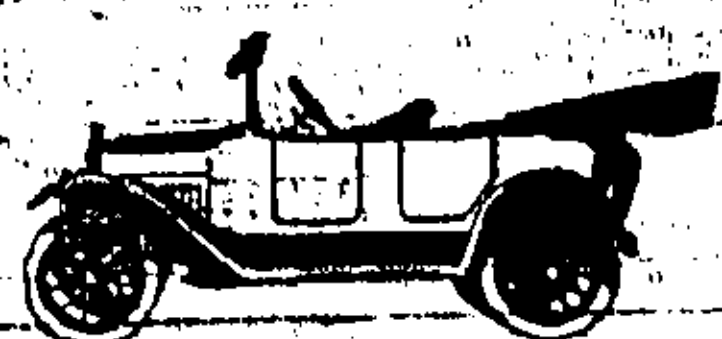
Terms: Cash on fall of hammer when  
the wreck will be at purchaser's risk.

**GEO. P. LAMMERT,**  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

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**BAR AND SOLICITORS.**

At an unusually well-attended  
meeting of the Law Society a resolution  
was carried by 95 votes to 29 in  
favour of the fusion of the two  
branches of the legal profession. A  
poll of the whole profession, which  
numbers about 15,000, was demanded,  
and was to be announced on Feb. 28.

**CHANNEL FLIGHTS.**

The Gosport Aircraft Boat Service  
Company and the Navarro Aviation  
Company have written to the Folke-  
stone Town Council, asking for per-  
mission to use the foreshore as a  
landing-place for their machines; but  
as the foreshore is the property of  
Lord Radnor, the council have re-  
ferred them to him. Both companies  
stated that they proposed starting  
trips this year, the former company's  
programme including Channel flights.

**GIRLS AFTER-WAR WAGES.**

Six out-of-work girl munition  
workers were offered places as  
housemaids at Kirby Stephen, but  
refused on the ground that the wages  
were inadequate. The Ministry of  
Labour thereupon suspended pay-  
ment of unemployment benefit, and  
the girls are appealing against the  
decision.

**ARMY OFFICERS AND  
THEIR TITLES.**

The *Newspaper World*, having been  
asked whether New Army officers  
who have returned to civil life are  
entitled to be referred to in news-  
papers as "captain," &c., has elicited  
the following opinion from the subject  
from the War Office: "New Army officers  
who are granted permission to retain  
their rank are on their return to civil  
life entitled to be referred to by their  
military titles. This is a military  
right provided the officer was shown  
in the London Gazette as being entit-  
led to retain such rank."

**"FLU" GOGGLES.**

Captain Thomas Carraway, medical  
inspector to the Local Government  
Board speaking at the Royal Institute  
of Public Health in London on the  
recent influenza epidemic, said a  
permanent health staff without as-  
sistance could not cope with an epidemic  
such as we had passed through. It  
was like a gas attack, and must be  
counteracted in a similar way by  
making each individual citizen re-  
sponsible for a share of the defence.  
Sir Arthur Newsholme, chief  
medical officer of the Local Govern-  
ment Board, suggested that masks  
should be worn to a large extent  
during the epidemic. It was highly  
probable that not only masks but  
goggles would be necessary to ensure  
freedom from infection. The incidence  
of disease was of an explosive  
character. Cases multiplied with a  
rapidity beyond the powers of any  
local medical authority to deal with.

**TIENSIN COTTON CO.**

The Wa Shing Cotton Spinning  
and Weaving Co., Ltd., of Tientsin,  
has awarded the contract for the  
erection and equipping of a new  
cotton mill to an American engineer-  
ing firm which is the Far Eastern  
agent for the cotton machinery made  
by the Whitin Machine Works,  
Whitinsville, Mass. The mill is to be  
located near Tsingtau and the speci-  
fications call for a completely equip-  
ped, modern spinning mill of approxi-  
mately 15,000 spindles, adapted to  
local conditions.

**INDIAN WOMAN P. and O.  
DOCTOR.**

"The Clubman," of the *Pall Mall  
Gazette* in a recent issue writes: "I  
received last night a letter written  
on board a P. and O. steamer bound  
for India by an Indian woman doctor,  
Shrimati (Miss) Mula Devi, who had  
been asked to take charge as physi-  
cian and surgeon when the ship's  
surgeon—an old man had to be put  
ashore at port. Said on account of  
illness. Very likely she was the first  
woman to serve as a doctor on board  
an important liner bound for India.  
Certainly she was the first Indian  
woman to act in that capacity. Miss  
Mula Devi is a versatile young lady  
from the Punjab who studied medi-  
cine at the Edinburgh University,  
and for a time was a lecturer at the  
London Institution. Just before she  
sailed she read me poems that she  
had composed in five different lan-  
guages. And it was good poetry, too."

**CAMPBOR.**

According to the *Kobe Shimbun* the  
annual output of campbor in Formosa  
is about 5,300,000 kin. Of this  
about 3,500,000 kin was exported an-  
nually to England, America, France  
and other countries until 1916, but  
on one hand the premium of insur-  
ance and sundry expenses increased,  
and consequently the export de-  
creased while on the other hand domestic  
demand for making toys, buttons,  
and other celluloid articles, grew  
with wonderful rapidity during the  
war. Since 1917 two-thirds of the  
total output was consumed at home,  
and the other one-third in foreign  
consumption. This year many  
workers having gone to other  
factories and the influenza epidemic  
has reduced the output. The total  
output is estimated at 4,700,000 kin,  
which means a decrease of 14 per  
cent. In order to allot this amount  
fairly to foreign and domestic use,  
the Formosa Campbor Monopoly  
Bureau is reported to be making in-  
vestigations, and it is expected that  
the allotment for April, May, and  
June consumption will be published  
at the end of this month. The al-  
lotment to the celluloid companies in this  
country will be reduced, but that  
will not hurt them in present con-  
ditions, as foreign orders have fallen  
off.

**TITI TIN CO.**

The report of the Titi Tin Com-  
pany shows a profit of \$5103,720 of  
which \$380,000 goes to reserve and  
\$4,723,720 is carried forward. No  
dividend is proposed. The output  
was 5,035 piculs compared with 3,035  
piculs, the bulk being obtained from  
battery and tribute.

**BRITISH SHIP CAPTAINS.**

It is announced that, as a result of  
official inquiry made into their  
cases, some 50 captains' not of pure  
British parentage have been allowed  
to command British merchant ships  
since 1917. In each case the man to  
whom this permission is granted is a  
British subject—in most cases British  
born, though one of the parents may  
be of enemy origin—and resident in  
the country. The Admiralty has not  
removed the embargo which prevents  
foreigners from having charge of  
British merchant ships, and will not  
remove it while a state of war lasts.

**JAPANESE AND SHANGHAI  
MILLS.**

Cotton spinners of Japan are pre-  
paring to buy or build further mills  
at Shanghai with a view to avoiding  
the import tariff and several local  
mills have reported that their pre-  
mises have been inspected, during  
the past year, by prospective Jap-  
anese buyers. The Dai Nippon  
Spinning Company, is reported to  
be completing arrangements for  
the erection of a mill, a step  
that is likely to be followed by  
the Toyo Spinning Company, the  
Godo Spinning Company, the  
Kishiwada Spinning Company, the  
Fukushima Spinning Company, and  
others which are making investiga-  
tions into the possibility of estab-  
lishing mills here. The first two are  
reported to have already purchased  
sites and are making final arrange-  
ments for the erection of mills.

**KIAOCHOW SALT  
PRODUCTION.**

It is difficult to give exact figures  
as to the total salt production of the  
Kiaochow leased territory, but it  
may be estimated at 200,000,000 kin.  
However, about 30,000,000 kin are  
being smuggled from points along  
the Shantung Railway, and on the  
other hand, about 60,000,000 kin of  
salt are being smuggled into the dis-  
trict from other points along the coast.  
Therefore, the total amount of salt in  
Kiaochow may be placed at about  
230,000,000 kin. However, the  
Japanese Government is planning to  
obtain 200,000,000 kin from abroad  
for home consumption, during the  
next fiscal year, and out of  
250,000,000 kin wanted to be obtained  
from Kiaochow. Such a plan is,  
however, an impracticable one, says  
the *Manchurian Daily News*.

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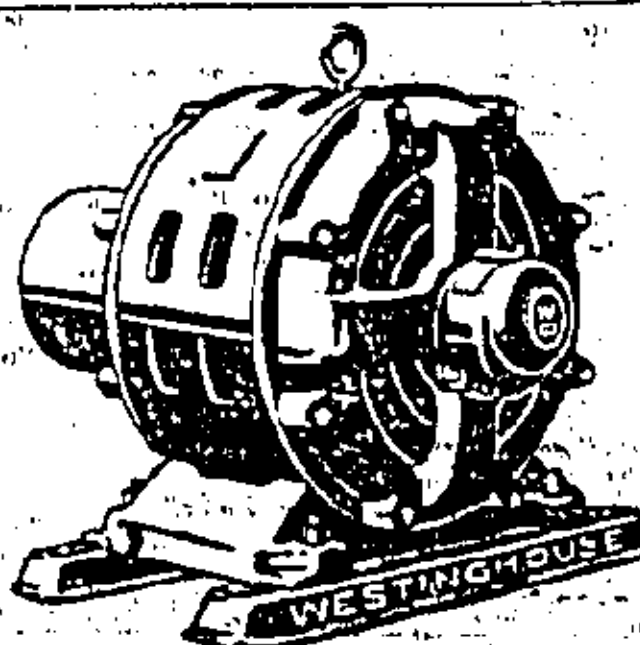
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## PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instructions from F. H. L. BOWLEY, Esq., to sell by Public Auction,

on  
**TUESDAY,**  
April 1, 1919, at 2.30 p.m.,  
at his residence No. 7 Mountain View,  
The Peak.

THE  
Valuable Household Furniture,  
CURTAINS, &c., &c.,  
therein contained.

Comprising:—  
Taskwood hallstand, upholstered  
arm-chairs, sofa and pouffe, Blackwood  
desk, tables, arm-chairs and stands,  
Large Axminster carpet (good as new),  
engravings, and paintings, brass fender,  
fire brasses, China, silver and brass  
ornaments, Singer sewing machine  
(good as new), gramophone, Carpets &  
rugs, Crotonne and lace curtains,  
&c., &c., &c.

Extension dining table and chairs,  
glass cabinet, sideboard, oak desk,  
&c., &c., a quantity of good cut glass  
ware, crockery, ware, &c., white  
enamelled twin bedsteads (hair mattress-  
es), oak and iron bedsteads and cots,  
stair carpet and rods.

Fumed (lightwood) wardrobe, wash-  
stand, toilet table and double toilet set,  
Liberty handwoven carpet, bathroom  
pantry and kitchen utensils, garden  
tomb, toys, lampshades (good as  
new), travelling bath, electric fittings,  
fan and table lamps, etc.

(Particulars from Catalogue)  
On view Monday morning and day  
of sale.

TERMS:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, March 24, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,  
(For Account of the Concerned),

on  
**WEDNESDAY,**  
April 2, 1919, commencing at  
2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

A QUANTITY OF  
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD LINENS,  
DRAWN WORK, & EMBROIDERIES,  
Comprising:—  
HOUSEHOLD LINENS:—Single and  
Double Plain and Hemstitched Sheets,  
Pillow Cases, Double White Satin Pillows,  
Linen Damask Serviettes, Glass Lotion,  
Bath Towels, Face Towels, &c., &c.  
DRAWN WORK:—Bedspreads, Pillow  
Cases, Tray Cloths, &c., &c.  
EMBROIDERIES:—Bedspreads, Table  
Covers, Tea Cloths, Runners 18 by 54 in.,  
A few lots of Attache Cases &c.

(All new goods and small lotso suit  
purchasers).  
TERMS:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, March 26, 1919.

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Hongkong, March 26, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,  
(For Account of the Concerned),

on  
**SATURDAY**  
April 5, 1919, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux  
Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,  
&c., &c., &c.  
(Removed to Sales Rooms for  
convenience of sale),  
consisting of:—  
1 White enamelled single bed,  
2 Marble-top Washstands,  
2 Shanghai Baths, 2 Dressing Tables,  
2 Toilet Sets, &c., &c.,  
Crockery, Glassware, &c., &c.

Also  
A large quantity of Rattan Furniture,  
And  
One "Joet" Kerosene Fan suitable  
for country Bungalow.  
TERMS:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, March 29, 1919.

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at here."  
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Ice House Street.

TRAEWOOD AND BLACKWOOD  
FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-  
MOUNTED DOUBLE AND TWIN  
BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS,  
&c., &c., &c.

Comprising:—  
- Chesterfield Sofa, Arm-chairs  
(new), Folding Card and Occasional  
Tables, One Upholstered sofa, Bedroom  
Furniture, comprising Taskwood Twin  
Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes,  
Dressing Tables, Washstands, &c.,  
(fumed Taskwood), Sideboards, Dinner  
Waggon, Extension Dining Tables  
and Chairs, &c., Dinner Services,  
Crockery, and good Glass Ware,  
Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, &c.,  
Bath Room Utensils, Electro-Plated  
Ware.

Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood  
and Taskwood Screens, a quantity of  
Blackwood Furniture, including 2 large  
Blackwood Screen Beds and white Panels,  
and Blackwood Fire Screen, Side Tables,  
Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, Several  
Carpets new and second-hand.

Treadle Sewing Machine with all  
accessories, Piano in good condition,  
one large Ice Chest suitable for Hotel,  
&c., &c., &c.  
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).  
TERMS:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, March 26, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from MADAMA GATSA  
to sell by Public Auction

on  
**FRIDAY,**  
April 4, 1919, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des  
Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

The following stock in trade:—  
Millinery Velvets, (all colours),  
ribbon velvets black and coloured  
French trimmings, tulle, chiffons, and  
aeroplane veilings, black and coloured  
French evening dress materials and  
ribbon, Wings, Quills, aigrettes, Ost-  
rich tips, pom-poms &c. Straw plait,  
buttons and a large assortment of  
flowers, 600 reels cotton (black and  
white) machine twist, Duplex belting,  
webbing belting, Millinery wires, tin  
boxes, wooden boxes for delivery, 2  
sewing machines,  
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, March 26, 1919.

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to sell by Public Auction

on  
**FRIDAY,**  
April 4, 1919, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des  
Vaux Road, Corner of  
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The following stock in trade:—  
Millinery Velvets, (all colours),  
ribbon velvets black and coloured  
French trimmings, tulle, chiffons, and  
aeroplane veilings, black and coloured  
French evening dress materials and  
ribbon, Wings, Quills, aigrettes, Ost-  
rich tips, pom-poms &c. Straw plait,  
buttons and a large assortment of  
flowers, 600 reels cotton (black and  
white) machine twist, Duplex belting,  
webbing belting, Millinery wires, tin  
boxes, wooden boxes for delivery, 2  
sewing machines,  
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, March 26, 1919.

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1 White enamelled single bed,  
2 Marble-top Washstands,  
2 Shanghai Baths, 2 Dressing Tables,  
2 Toilet Sets, &c., &c.,  
Crockery, Glassware, &c., &c.

Also  
A large quantity of Rattan Furniture,  
And  
One "Joet" Kerosene Fan suitable  
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THE TWENTYSECOND ORDIN-  
ARY ANNUAL MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company  
will be held at the Office of the  
Company, 55, George Street, No. 5  
Connaught Road on TUESDAY, April  
1, 1919, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of  
receiving a Statement of Accounts and  
the Report of the General Managers for  
the year ending December 31, 1918,  
and electing a Consulting Committee  
and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from WED-  
NESDAY March 28, until TUESDAY  
April 1, 1919, both days inclusive.  
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 21, 1919.

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CAPT. SUPT. OF POLICE.  
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who have been appointed our  
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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1919.

## A FEW WORDS

In the letters of Leibnitz to Newton  
a curious old legend is mentioned.  
Dealing with the languages spoken  
in the Garden of Eden, it states that  
the Delty spoke Danish, Adam  
Swedish, and the Serpent French. It  
is probably the starting point for the  
study of philology, though it wasn't  
until well into or after the middle of  
the Eighteenth Century that philology  
assumed a scientific complexion.

It is not strictly scientific, even  
now, for its conclusions depend more  
on hypothesis than on fact. Even as  
philosophy it is a four-flusher. Max  
Müller has proved quite a few things  
that aren't so, and his followers have  
gone to extremes in their deductions.  
It is, however, a fascinating study  
for the amateur or the dilettante,  
being full of the most charming  
coincidences, with which there is no  
harm in playing.

The Hawaiian word for 'anger',  
for instance, happens to be *hu-hu*,  
pronounced who-who. With even  
more force than the famous cricketer's  
query about the name 'Yorker' we  
may ask how you could possibly  
call it anything else. In the opposite  
mood we have 'ha-ha' 'ho-ho', and  
sometimes 'he-hee' but never  
*hu-hu*. Think of a man spluttering,  
"who-who are you?" or "who-  
who has done this?" and the sugges-  
tion of the Hawaiian word *hu-hu* can  
never be lost. A modern philologist  
(a New Zealand professor in his  
dotage) who credits that island race  
with European ancestry, would prob-  
ably accept our suggestion in all  
seriousness.

But the Hawaiian language is  
practically identical with the Maori,  
the only difference being the trans-  
posing of two or three consonants,  
such as Hawaiian 'h' for Maori 'k' and  
even that disappears in pronunciation.  
Maori in turn has many parallels  
with Malay. The Maori for 'two' is  
*rua*, Malay *dua*, Hawaiian *lua*. The  
Malay and Hawaiian both say  
*lima* for five, and this is easy to  
remember by the mnemonic formula  
"How many (Lima) beans make  
five?" In Maori they make *rima*.  
But do not fall into the error that  
philologists do, and assume that here

is proof of a Malay ancestry for the  
Hawaiians, or vice versa. Otherwise  
you will be under the awkward  
necessity of establishing a family  
connection between the Scottish and  
the Northern Chinese. Both speak  
of a pool as a *lim*. Moreover  
(with a different ideograph) the  
Chinese *lin* means the same thing as  
our *limit* does. A Scot will *chant*, a  
Chinese will *chang* and in both  
cases they make vocal noises. The  
Chinese cut our *chicken* in two  
and call it *chi*. We *chew* it, and  
they make *chow* of it. *Corn*  
to them is *ko*; and if a little  
thing is *wee* in Scotland it is *Wei* in  
North China. The Scots *ken* this  
well: the Chinese *kan* it. And so  
on, to a surprising extent, which was  
remarkably well brought out in a  
publication of the Royal Asiatic  
Society not long ago.

The Welsh combination "cwm"  
has an awkward look to Englishmen  
called upon to pronounce it. It  
means and is pronounced the same  
as our "combe," the Welsh "w"  
being the long "o" of Greek, and  
not a double-u at all. In the same  
Chinese language quoted above, the  
word for "combe" happens to be  
*ku*.

[By the way, talking of our "w"  
we name it "double-u." We write it  
"double-u" and we pronounce it  
"double-o." The Germans call it  
"double-v" and so pronounce it, their  
single-v having the sound of "f".  
Sam Weller's method of pronouncing  
woman "ooman" was quite logical.  
Our mix-up seems traceable to the  
Latin method of writing u (oo sound)  
as v. This, however, is more  
phonetics than philology.]

The Japanese word for bread, *pan*,  
offers no problem. They got the  
Latin name from the Portuguese,  
probably at the same time that they  
got the thing itself. But the Chinese  
examples given above cannot be  
accounted for in that way. Marco  
Polo was no Scot.

These are 'smatterings and glean-  
ings' of an inquisitive world wan-  
derer; and not to be taken as proof  
of the erudition they suggest. They  
were prompted by finding a copy of  
"Romany Rye" on a gentleman's  
table yesterday. Because you know,  
on materials just as flimsy, George  
Borrow puts up a tremendous bluff  
at linguistics.

## THAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Our contemporary the *Daily Press*  
is not pleased with the personnel of  
the Executive Committee chosen to  
boss the Peace Celebrations. The  
names, which appeared in the *China  
Mail* about a week ago, suggest to  
our contemporary that the Hongkong  
Government is still adhering to its  
habit of keeping things "in the  
hands of a select few," the careful  
selection being kept to "those who  
count." The Government is accused

of having "slavishly followed  
precedent," which, in such a context,  
is not a happy phrase. If the Execu-  
tive 23 were the best men on the  
occasion of the precedent, they are  
likely to be the best men yet. To  
do the right thing twice, or even  
often, is not a slavish proceeding.  
However, our contemporary was  
voicing an important section of public  
opinion in expressing the objection  
to the frequency of the "cut and  
dried" element. There is too  
much of it. At a recent Club  
meeting, not reported by the Press,  
a committee practically re-elected  
itself, dealing with a portion of the  
voting papers only, and without a  
scrutinizing sub-committee chosen  
by the members, as would have been  
proper. It is an excellent committee,  
as it happens, and there isn't a  
single member prepared to find  
a fault in its excellent record;  
but there it is, a principle is  
involved that is entitled to  
respect. A slackness which leads  
to no harmful result among good men  
will be taken advantage of by bad  
ones, when the time comes. The  
*China Mail*, having long ago pointed  
out that the Peace Celebration (one  
should have been chosen by the peo-  
ple who are to pay the piper), is  
morally bound to lend support to the  
*Daily Press* criticism, and hereby does  
so. There is a real body of public  
opinion behind it, audible only in  
holes and corners (as usual), but  
the authorities who jockey us may find  
that it will yet express itself—in the  
amount of contributions forthcoming.

## OUR INADEQUATE FERRIES.

No proud citizen of Hongkong,  
boasting of our progress here, cares  
to dwell long upon our ferries. He  
cannot honestly say that the Star  
Ferry matches the rest, or that they  
are all they should be. Without  
stopping to introduce by way of  
comparison such comparatively small  
fry as Liverpool and Birkenhead,  
who have ferries that are ferries, we  
may point out that the Straits of  
Dover are a bigger proposition than  
our narrow and sheltered harbour.  
Yet it was announced in  
August last that a ferry  
across the Channel, hitherto convey-  
ing trucks across for use on the  
railways of England and France, had  
been developed into a proper train  
ferry for both passengers and goods  
traffic, and the Channel was thus  
practically bridged. The first jour-  
ney was made on February 22. The  
British Chamber of Commerce in  
Paris had something to do with it.  
What has the local Chamber of Com-  
merce to do with our small ferries,  
incapable of carrying a flyover? Some-  
day we'll have the Kowloon Canal  
trains ferried over. Meanwhile, a  
new fleet of much bigger boats is an  
obvious requirement to cope with  
the growing automobile traffic.

## FIRE INSURANCE.

The homely adage that says there  
is nothing like leather will have to  
be a word altered before it can be  
applied locally. To read of "losses" in  
the report of the Hongkong Fire  
Insurance Company's meeting, of  
exchange "militating against" the  
Company, and of increasing com-  
petition, etc., would be to carry  
away a wrong impression. The bad  
old days when China New Year fires  
were a regular feature, and fire  
insurance more of a gamble than it  
is now, are gone. A Company that  
can increase its directors' fees, pay  
a dividend of \$27 per share, and  
give its staff a bonus of fifteen per  
cent on their salaries, and that in a  
year that wasn't one of its best, is  
on velvet, as sportsmen say.  
There's nothing like insurance.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—On the 17th March 1919,  
Reuter's Agency, amongst other  
items of news, published the follow-  
ing:—

"WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.  
The United States has warned  
Italy that unless that latter ends the  
delays being caused to the trans-  
mission of supplies to the newly  
established Jugo-Slav and Czecho-  
Slovak States, steps will be taken to  
cut off the supply of American  
foodstuffs to Italy."

I am now authorised by my  
Government to contradict the false  
news disseminated by Reuter, which,  
of course could not have been  
believed by those who know the  
Italian character. We have the  
custom of being generous to a fallen  
foe. Since the Armistice we have  
been feeding Austria, and during  
the war we treated the  
Austrian prisoners so kindly that  
they erected in one of their camps a  
rough monument to Dante, as a  
simple token of their sincere grati-  
tude. If further proof were required,  
it is sufficient to point out the fact  
that while the greater part of Europe  
is a seeking, caldron of unrest,  
Austria, up to the present, has been  
in a state of relative calm, thanks  
to the intelligent and humanitarian  
assistance of neighbouring Italy.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
Z. Volpicelli  
Consul General for Italy.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 3s 2

11/16d.

Canton is to have its west Bund  
lengthened.H.M.S. *Whiting* left the harbour  
this morning.Tourists visiting Canton this  
month numbered 253.A Canton richa coolie found  
\$100 in a bag. It is recorded that  
he cried for joy.To-day's return of communicable  
disease shows two cases of plague  
and six of cerebro-spinal fever.The N. Y. K. *Nikko Maru* now  
makes Kobe her terminus, and will  
not go on to Yokohama.Mr. F. A. Nixon takes charge of  
the Canton Post Office during Com-  
missioner Shields' absence on leave.The *Waiwan* is expected at Canton  
on April 4 with rice. She left Wuhu  
on March 27. The *Kowloon*, also  
with rice, was expected to-day.The sailing of the N. Y. K. *Aki  
Maru* for Shanghai, according to a  
wireless message from the ship, must  
be postponed to Wednesday at 11  
a.m.There is a change in the  
Chartered Bank's advertisement  
to-day. Mr. J. L. Crockett now  
appears as manager instead of Mr.  
T. C. Downing.The total output of the Kailan  
Mining Administration's mines for the  
week ending March 15, amounted to  
74,425 tons and the sales during the  
period, to 60,089 tons.

"We are witnessing a veritable  
exodus just now," begins a Shanghai  
editorial. Likewise an actual Hegira;  
a certain sort, and a decided depar-  
ture, we suppose. What the writer  
intended was that many Shanghai-  
landers are going home.

In Mr. Lindsell's Court this morn-  
ing, three hawkers were fined \$3 for  
not having a licence. A richa coolie  
was ordered to pay \$3 for not having  
his licence renewed. Another coolie  
was fined \$5 or seven days for de-  
positing rubbish in Queen's Road  
Central.

The Annual dinner of the  
University Engineering Society will  
be held in the Great Hall of the  
University on Friday next. It is  
hoped that all the past and present  
Engineering students of the Univer-  
sity will be present. Communications  
should be addressed to Mr. Khoo  
Khoo Huat at the University.

A Shanghai paper publishes  
with apparent satisfaction an indict-  
ment of Japanese rule in Korea  
drawn up by a committee of mis-  
sionaries. It overlooks that this is  
not what the missionaries are paid  
for. Everywhere they will meddle  
with politics. Subscribers to Foreign  
Missions please note.

## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[China Mail Special]

Shanghai, March 30.

Although telegraphic communi-  
cation has been restored, there is no  
news from Shensi.Hsu-Shu-tsang plans to increase  
the National Defence Army to eight  
brigades, and says there will be no  
demobilization until the League of  
Nations orders it. There have been  
quarrels in the War Ministry.Japanese trained troops are said to  
be employed by the Mongolians now.  
[The Chinese are reckless inventors  
of this sort of news.—Ed. C.M.]

The Northern delegates are all  
going to resign if the Southern  
delegates persist in their refusal to  
resume the Peace Conference. The  
President has sent telegrams to  
both parties.

Severe fighting in Korea is again  
reported here.

Chinese Bolsheviks are said to be  
coming to Shanghai to spread their  
propaganda.

"PINKIE" ABOUT TO  
QUIT.

There was a good house at the  
Theatre Royal on Saturday night  
when the Hongkong Amateur  
Dramatic Club presented for the last  
night, that popular fairy play "Pinkie  
and the Fairies." All the seats in  
the lower part of the hall were  
occupied whilst three quarters of the  
seats in the Dress Circle had been  
booked—an unmistakable evidence of  
the success of the show. Miss  
Marjorie Stewart, acquitted her-  
self admirably well in the roll of  
"Pinkie" while her little baby sister,  
as the Queen of the Fairies was a  
great favourite with the audience.  
Wednesday's matinee will mark the  
close of the most successful season  
of a local amateur combination ever  
had and it is advisable to book seats  
early. It will be positively the last  
performance as one or two members  
of the cast are leaving the Colony  
about the end of this week.

## THE K.C.C. DINNER.

The spirit of conviviality and good-  
fellowship for which the Kowloon  
Cricketer Club is noted prevailed at  
their annual dinner which was held  
at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday  
night. Mr. R. E. Lindsell was in  
the chair, and Mr. J. E. Robinson  
was the vice-chairman. There were  
about fifty members and guests pre-  
sent, and from the first to the last  
it was a truly cheery evening, a little  
more cheery towards the end, per-  
haps, but that was only natural.

After a very excellent dinner, and  
after the toast of "The King" had  
been drunk, the Rev. Mr. A. T. W.  
Dowling proposed the toast of the  
K.C.C. In a very sporting speech he  
referred to the great kindness he  
had received from the club. For the  
moment he thought he was still a  
member but was corrected by a let-  
ter he had received from the secre-  
tary giving him "the push." How-  
ever, he was asked to make full use  
of the club whilst he was in Kow-  
loon. To put the members' fears at  
rest he was going to "push off" on  
Wednesday. He trusted that they  
would treat his successor as well as  
they had treated him. "Give him a  
sporting chance," he said, "you all  
know what I mean. Kowloon is a  
wonderful club, and they are all good  
fellows. Let us drink to their health  
and prosperity."

Mr. R. E. Lindsell then respond-  
ed on behalf of the Club, and kept  
everyone amused by reading a poem  
which Mr. Dowling had composed.  
But had refused to read himself.  
With great difficulty, Mr. Lindsell  
had got the manuscript from him.  
It was a very amusing one, and  
had many witty references to  
different members. The speaker re-  
gretted the absence of their pres-  
ident, Dr. Forsyth, and trusted that  
he would soon be back amongst them  
fully restored to health.

The next toast to be proposed was  
that of the Army and Navy, which  
was done by Mr. E. J. Edwards. In  
a fine, scholarly speech he paid a  
great tribute to the Navy, and point-  
ed out how they had lived up to the  
traditions of Nelson. He drew a  
vivid picture of the humiliating ex-  
perience of the German Fleet as Sops  
Flow. Before passing from the  
Navy to the Army he paid a fitting  
tribute to the members of the mar-  
cantile marine. The new Army, the  
speaker said, had lived up to the  
reputation of those heroes who had  
fought in the Crimea and other Euro-  
pean wars. Before sitting down he  
called upon Lieut. Evenden, M.C.,  
to reply.

Lieut. Evenden, M.C., who had a  
rousing reception, said that the do-  
ings of the Army and Navy were too  
well known for him to say anything  
more about them. He belonged to  
the Club which had taken the name  
of Hongkong into the war. He gave  
a short history of the interesting  
movements and some interesting  
figures of the honours which mem-  
bers of the battery had won. The  
D.C.M.s, 6 M.B.s, 1 Russian  
Order, 1 Serbian Order, and 11 men-  
tions of the unit had been mentioned  
in despatches. (Loud applause.) He  
then read an extract from Mr. W. T.  
Massey's book in which the author  
pays a very high tribute to the bat-  
tery, and quotes the praise given  
them by General Cox. Mr. Evenden  
then stated that it would not be right  
for him to omit mentioning the splen-  
did bravery of the Indian troops, and  
stated "I say this very, very un-  
wisely, that any honour we may  
have won, it was entirely due to the  
splendid courage of the Indian, who  
had worked hard and willingly. He  
concluded by saying how grateful the  
battery was for the fund started in  
Hongkong and Singapore, by  
means of which the relatives of every  
man who was killed, as well as those  
who were wounded, received a com-  
pensation, above that which was  
given by the Imperial Government.

The Golf section of the K.C.C.  
was the next toast. This was pro-  
posed by Mr. L. J. Blackburn. He  
stated that this section had been the  
mainstay of the Club during the last  
few years. He trusted that both  
sections would work together in order  
that the splendid spirit of comrad-  
ship to which Mr. Dowling had re-  
ferred could be maintained. He  
claimed that most of the members  
of the Club who had gone to the  
front were members of the golf  
section.

This toast was responded to by  
Mr. J. Hyde, who reported that the  
Golf section had had a very satisfac-  
tory year despite the fact that there  
was a shortage of members. He  
was sorry that some of the highest  
handicapped men did not take such  
a keen interest but he trusted that  
their handicaps would be reduced and  
then they would see more of them  
figuring in the competitions.

The health of the visitors was then  
proposed by Mr. A. O. Brown in an  
extremely witty speech. He thought  
he had some vague recollection of  
being a member of the Club, but  
during the last few years the des-  
tiny of the world had bothered him  
much and his own experiences had  
been so strange and varied that that  
time seemed to be in a mist. He  
then gave a very amusing description  
of how he tried to remember if he  
had ever played the game called cric-  
ket, by going to the Happy Valley  
and playing against some boys. His  
description of his walk to the vic-  
tuary and back again brought forth a  
large amount of laughter and ap-  
plause.

## GYMKHANA MEETING.

## THE HANDICAPS.

## ONCE ROUND—HANDICAPS.

## A CLASS.

The following are the Handicaps  
for First Gymkhana on 5th April  
1919:

Pink Eye ..... 13 2 160 lbs.  
Malcolm ..... 13 0 157  
Alexander ..... 13 1 155  
Swallow ..... 13 2 154  
Regularity Dahlia (Grif-  
fin) ..... 12 3 154  
Vivat ..... 13 0 152  
Tyam Chief ..... 13 1 152  
Grouse ..... 13 1 152  
Greyhound ..... 13 0 152  
Vivian ..... 13 0 151  
(Late Burst Length.)

Bend Or ..... 13 1 150  
Smokebox ..... 13 1 150  
Burning Daylight ..... 13 1 150  
Starlight ..... 13 0 150  
Mountain Ford ..... 12 3 149  
(Late Vesuvius Dahlia.)  
Dusky ..... 13 2 148  
Judea (late Moonlight) 12 3 146  
"B" CLASS.

Rochester ..... 13 1 158  
Maybe ..... 13 0 155  
Flyford (late Firefly) 13 2 155  
Lovejoy (late American  
Chief) ..... 12 3 154  
King John ..... 13 3 153  
Victory Star ..... 13 0 152  
Aldog 11 (late Tam-  
bourine) ..... 13 1 152  
Second Fiddle ..... 12 3 149  
Weihai Chief ..... 13 0 148  
Meymoon ..... 13 0 147  
Wedding Bells ..... 13 1 147  
Rheostat ..... 13 1 147  
Cassius ..... 13 1 147  
Excelsior ..... 13 0 146

12 MILE HANDICAP.  
Pink Eye ..... 13 2 160  
Malcolm ..... 13 0 159  
Alexander ..... 13 1 157  
Regularity Dahlia  
(Griffin) ..... 12 3 156  
Tyam Chief ..... 13 1 155  
Vivat ..... 13 0 155  
Swallow ..... 13 2 155  
Greyhound ..... 13 0 153  
Rochester ..... 13 1 152  
Burning Daylight ..... 13 1 151  
Mountain Ford ..... 12 3 149  
(Late Vesuvius Dahlia.)  
Bend Or ..... 13 1 149  
Dusky ..... 13 2 149  
Maybe ..... 13 0 148  
Lovejoy ..... 13 0 147  
(Late American Chief)  
Eaton Boy ..... 13 0 145  
Weihai Chief ..... 13 0 145

The Handicaps have been arranged  
by Mr. D. M. Ross with exception of  
weights for "Pink Eye" & "Grouse,"  
which were fixed by Mr. G. W.  
Gegg.

He stated that he only  
knew three of the visitors. One was  
Capt. Spencer, who had escorted him  
across Canada, and who had intro-  
duced him to a game called cric-  
ket, which he called daylight rob-  
bery. Another was Captain Ken-  
nedy, who was a bit of a wild Irish-  
man who really came from Tipperary,  
and the third was Mr. Mann,  
whom he remembered many years  
ago when he was in company with a  
Mr. Pack had entertained the club at a  
similar dinner some eight years ago.  
Lieut. F. H. Mann, in replying for  
the visitors, said he was unac-  
quainted to public speaking, for some  
time at least, except to ask gentle-  
men to "form four." (Laughter.)  
He wished to tell them of the only  
cricket match mentioned in the  
Bible, taking as his text "Peter  
stood at the wicket and Paul was  
bowled." (Laughter.) As far as he  
gathered, Paul was the Christian  
name of their parson. Mr.  
Dowling, whatever doubt they  
might have as to the ability  
of Mr. Dowling to hit hard  
and straight on the cricket pitch,  
there was no doubt whatever as to  
his abilities, in that direction in the  
pulpit. And it had done Kowloon a  
"damned lot of good." If they could  
transfer the spirit of the Kowloon  
C.C. to the Parish Hall, it would be  
a different church. He had said  
something strong to the parson when  
Mr. Dowling had announced that he  
was going away, but having received  
bad news from home, he was bound  
to go.

The golf prizes were then given  
away by Mr. Lindsell, the winners  
being as follow:—  
CAPTAIN'S CUP—J. Hyde, runner-  
up, A. Morrison.  
ELEGANT CUP—J. Jack, runner-  
up, D. J. Mackenzie.  
BOOBY CUP—A. Morrison, runner-  
up, J. Hyde.  
PAGE CUP—J. Hyde, runner-up,  
H. Overy.  
OSWALD CUP—H. Overy, runner-  
up, D. J. Mackenzie.  
MORRISON CUP—J. Jack, runner-  
up, D. G. Nicoll.

Mr. J. H. Mead then called  
upon everyone to drink the  
health of the Chairman, Mr.  
Lindsell, and spoke in very high  
terms of what he had done for  
the club, and the keen interest he  
had always taken in everything.  
"Mr. Lindsell is a sportsman and  
is always ready to give us all the  
help he can," he said. This toast  
was immediately followed by the  
singing of "he's a jolly good fellow"  
with the usual vocal noises.

Mr. G. Blair, Capt. Kennedy,  
Capt. Murray, Mr. W. B. Hind and  
others helped to keep people amused  
between the speeches, and the story  
telling, competition between Capt.  
Murray and Captain Kennedy was  
one of the hits of the evening. At  
the present moment they are "all  
square and three to go."

GERMAN LIQUIDATION  
CASE.

## JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT.

In the Supreme Court this morn-  
ing, the Chief Justice (Sir William  
Rees-Davies, K.C.) gave judgment in  
this case in which Mr. John Owen  
Hughes, liquidator of the trade and  
personal affairs of Albert Wilhelm  
Arthur Becker, an alien enemy and  
a partner in the firm of Sander,  
Walker & Co., an alien enemy firm  
in Hongkong, and Messrs. Harry  
Winking & Co., liquidators of the  
trade of the said Sander, Walker &  
Co., sued Chui Wah claiming the  
sum of \$63,000 and costs for an  
alleged breach of a compromise con-  
tract.

This case which occupied the Lord-  
ship's attention for over a month  
was argued by the Hon. Mr. E. H.  
Sharp, K.C., O.B.E., and the Hon.  
Mr. H. B. Pollock, K.C. (instructed  
by Messrs. Johnstone, Stokes and  
Mister), for the plaintiffs; and the  
Hon. Mr. C. G. Abbot, O.B.E.,  
and Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by  
Messrs. Wilkinson and Giss) for the  
defendant.

The Lordship read a very lengthy  
judgment from which we give the  
following extracts:

"This is a case of some com-  
plexity, as it involves applying the  
law relating to Alien enemies as laid  
down in recent cases, to a state of  
circumstances probably unique in  
character. The plaintiffs are suing  
as liquidators of an Alien enemy  
firm to recover damages under a com-  
promise agreement made between an  
Alien enemy firm, and their com-  
plices and the defendant who guar-  
anteed the compromise agreement.

The claim is in respect of (1) goods  
delivered to Chinese dealers and not  
paid for; and (2) goods for which  
delivery had not been taken and  
which had been re-sold.

The plaintiffs allege that on the  
outbreak of war, the firm were per-  
mitted by His Excellency the Govern-  
or, as the representative of H.M.  
the King, to continue carrying on  
business in Hongkong, and at a later  
date, were permitted to do so by  
express licence, and in pursuance of  
such licence after the outbreak of  
war, the business which included  
the contracts in question in this  
action was carried on by the enemy  
firm until the plaintiffs were ap-  
pointed as liquidators under the  
Alien Enemies Winding-up Ordinance  
1914. The plaintiffs by virtue  
of that Ordinance were appointed to  
wind-up the affairs of the firm, and  
they claim to recover against the  
defendant for the default of the com-  
promise, under the compromise agree-  
ment.

The defendant denies all liability  
and alleges that the firm was de-  
scribed by the compromise agree-  
ment, and also all contracts entered  
into by the firm that are covered by  
the compromise agreement. He raises  
the alleged licence and raises other  
defences.

It is of opinion that the partner-  
ship in this firm was dissolved at  
the outbreak of war. The partner-  
ship became dissolved at the out-  
break of war and the construction  
to be placed on the Alien  
Enemies Winding-up Ordinance  
1914? Can it be construed so as  
to give a partnership or a contract  
dissolved by an operation of law?  
After a very careful consideration of  
the matter, I have come to the con-  
clusion that it cannot.

I have dealt with the construction  
with I place upon the Ordinance,  
namely of opinion that the partner-  
ship was dissolved at the outbreak  
of war, and as a consequence the  
compromise agreement was also dis-  
solved. If correct in law, the ques-  
tion of licence from the Crown can-  
notative a partnership dissolved by  
operation of law.

In my opinion the action must  
fail on two material grounds: (a) the  
dissolution of the partnership by  
operation of law which is indepen-  
dent of the question of licence; and  
(b) the variation of the contract  
which discharged the surety. It be-  
comes therefore unnecessary for me  
to deal further with the other issues  
raised in argument. I give judg-  
ment for defendant with costs."

## A APPROPRIATE GIFT.

Aparade of the St. John's Ambul-  
ance Brigade has been ordered for  
6 p.m. to-morrow, Tuesday, at Gov-  
ernment House, when His Excellency  
the Governor will present the motor am-  
bulance which has been given by the  
Hongkong Automobile Association.  
Members of the Association and  
girls are invited to attend.

Less the Government presents  
us with that "speed limit" we asked  
for his ambulance will soon be at  
work. As things are, it is a very  
appropriate gift. What?

## BEST MEDICINE MADE.

Better medicine can not be made  
than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.  
It cures the lungs, opens the secretory  
passages, and restores the system to a healthy  
condition. It is a healthy, safe, and  
perfectly safe to take. For sale  
by Chemists and Storekeepers.



HONGKONG AND WHAM-  
POA DOCK CO. LTD.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell presided at the ordinary yearly meeting held at the office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, at noon to-day.

There were present Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. D. Laidlaw, Messrs. J. H. Wallace, H. P. White, A. S. Sorensen, and R. M. Dyer, B.Sc., M. I. N. E. Directors. Also Messrs. Ho Ki P. Tester, T. E. Pearce, A. D. Lang, Major McDonald, E. Smyth, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, J. W. Graham, D. I. Ellis, E. Abraham, and Chau Siu Ki.

The Chief Manager having read the notice convening the meeting the Chairman read the following report: "Gentlemen, The Directors' report and Statement of accounts for the year 1918 having been in your possession for the last two weeks, I propose with your permission to take them as read. It is with considerable pleasure that I come before you with such a favourable account of our operations for that period, because it represents the culmination of our efforts during the last five rather difficult years. Perhaps you will bear with me for a few moments while I give you a short account of our work during that time.

While the fleet was operating in these waters we did all that was asked of us in the way of repairs to His Majesty's ships, fitting out armed merchantmen and transports. This work, however, soon stopped on the departure of the fleet, which was followed by the gradual withdrawal of large numbers of the merchant vessels regularly trading in and out of this harbour, and I will frankly admit now that prospects at that time looked none too brilliant. Our shipowners were exceedingly cautious about placing orders for new ships, while our officers to the then Minister of Munitions to undertake any kind of warwork that we were capable of performing, merely brought forth a letter of thanks for our patriotism, but unfortunately no orders. After a few months several local coasting ships were temporarily returned, other old ones were acquired by enterprising owners here and in Shanghai, and extensively repaired, while the enemy's submarine campaign made it only too evident that the crying need for the period of the war was likely to be ships. In 1918 orders for new tonnage were consequently extensively placed, but owing to the home requirements for steel, and possibly also, I fear, to the ignorance of the home authorities as to our capacity to efficiently carry out work entrusted to us, these vessels had to be completed with material from America, and many of the auxiliaries built here, necessitating considerable delay and increased cost. However, eventually all these contracts were successfully completed to the entire satisfaction of their respective owners.

In 1917 the home authorities, appearing at last to realise that we could build good ships in Hongkong, prohibited us from building to our own design and specification, and after extraordinarily prolonged negotiations placed the order for a number of standard ships, all of which are at present in an advanced state of construction. Those of you who were present at the launching of the 8,000-ton *War Snipe* last Thursday, and have seen the other ships constructed by us during the last few years, cannot, I think, fail to come to the conclusion that shipbuilding as a serious business has come to stay in Hongkong, and not only shipbuilding, because we do not build the mere shells, as is the case with so many of the shipyards we have heard so much about recently, but in addition we construct ourselves the main engines, boilers, and most of the auxiliaries, thus possessing a practically self contained establishment.

I mentioned when I last appeared before you that land had been acquired for a large new shipbuilding yard at the Eastend of our premises. This land has now been levelled, and when the new machinery arrives this year, our building capacity will consist of three berths 800 ft. long, five 500 ft. and four 250 ft. With the extension of our shipyard, we have to make provision for the enlarging of our boiler and machine shops, foundry, sawmill and other establishments. With a view to this, additional land has been acquired at the back of our present engine shop and forge for future extensions, and a considerable portion of new ground has also been taken in at the back of the paint and salvage stores. This latter portion has been acquired with a view to the construction in the future, of a large new graving dock between our present Nos. 1 and 2 docks. The proposed dimensions of this new dock are 1,000 ft. long with 110 ft. entrance. The future, I am confident, will see large vessels trading to the East, and whenever we consider the requirements of the port warrant the building of this dock, its construction will be proceeded with; in the meantime you have the satisfaction of knowing that your Company possesses the necessary land, acquired on reasonable terms.

To enlarge our western yard, we have decided to remove three blocks of houses at present occupied by our European staff, for whose future accommodation, an additional site has been purchased at the back of

our new shipyard, overlooking Kowloon Bay. New houses are now in course of construction, and when completed should prove very comfortable and healthy dwellings. Apart from the necessity of increasing our building capacity, these alterations are being carried out with a view to the welfare of the staff, which, I am sure you will agree, must be one of our first considerations. The present quarters, now that we are building much larger vessels than formerly, are far too near the ships under construction in the yard, and we feel confident that the new housing arrangements will eventually turn out to be beneficial both to the staff and the Company.

Turning to the accounts for 1918, you will notice that a very considerable sum has been written off for depreciation. This includes the book value of all the old buildings I have mentioned, which may shortly have to be replaced by others of a more modern design: the money that has been spent on piling and re-inforcing our western yard to enable us to build vessels of 8,000 tons there, 20 per cent. off other additions made throughout the year, 20% off floating plant, and 10 per cent. off the remaining buildings and plant. I would mention that during the war we have been practically impossible to obtain machinery of any description; consequently we have this year to face the expenditure of a considerable sum in this connection. The programme I have outlined may perhaps strike you as somewhat large, but I can assure you we do not by any means contemplate extravagance in any department; we do, however, intend to keep pace with the times, and in the circumstances I am confident you will consider it a sound policy to write off liberally wherever we think it necessary. We propose further to place to reserve \$500,000, which will then bring our reserve fund up to \$1,500,000 which can be used for future developments for any other purpose your Directors think fit.

The sum of \$80,000 bonus to staff appearing in the accounts represents 20 per cent. of their annual salaries, and on their behalf, your Directors further propose to initiate a Provident fund on similar lines to those already adopted by many other local and Eastern companies, in which the European staff can participate, and so create a fund to provide for the old age and retirement of those employees who have served us well and faithfully. It is to the energy and loyal services of our European staff that the good results we are able to put before you are very largely due, and I am sure, therefore, that both the bonus and the Provident fund scheme will have your hearty support.

I do not think there is any other point I need mention, but when the report and accounts have been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that shareholders may desire to ask. I now formally beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as circulated.

This was seconded by Mr. A. O. Lang who said: "Gentlemen, In rising to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts I desire in the first place to congratulate the Directorate and Management on their very excellent results of the year's working. As we have just heard the dominant note in the Chairman's speech is one of progress and development, and while other concerns may be doubtful about the future and hesitate to lay out capital I am sure we are all pleased that such is not the case as far as the Dock Company is concerned.

Proceeding on ordinary lines the possibility of Repair Work must necessarily be problematical, but the possibilities of Construction Work are practically unlimited and it is gratifying to know that with completion of the extensions now in hand the Company will be in a position to undertake shipbuilding in all its branches on a much larger scale than has hitherto been the case. Gentlemen, the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company is not only an Asset of the Shareholders, it is an Asset of Hongkong and the Far East, and in wishing the Directors and Chief Manager every success in their progressive enterprise I feel I am but voicing public sentiment.

The conservative policy of paying for these developments, so far as is possible, out of Revenue will doubtless meet with approval and thoroughly commend itself to prudent shareholders.

No one, I feel sure, will grudge the Bonus to Staff, as the vast amount of work accomplished during the year under review must have necessitated a great deal of overtime, and the additional duties have, I understand, been diligently and cheerfully performed.

It is very satisfactory to learn of the inauguration of a Provident Fund, and so far from finding fault I think the general consensus of opinion is that this is a step in the right direction. In a concern like the Dock Company, where so many Europeans are employed, such a Fund is especially necessary, and in the case of old employees I trust it may be found possible to make the scheme retrospective to some extent.

With these few remarks I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented.

This was carried unanimously.

Mr. T. E. Pearce proposed and

MANCHESTER WEEKLY  
MARKET REPORT.

Messrs James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on Feb. 19 as follows: There has been a change in feeling with regard to the raw material and values are on the upward grade again. This of course may be temporary, but quotations for all positions of American Cotton have been materially increased. The change has, however, not had much effect on the Manchester market for cloth, and reports vary very much as to what improvement there has been; generally speaking the improvement has only been in outlook and prospects. There has been more enquiry, but the only large lines which we have come across having been done seem to be for China, and these are probably for auction purposes again. In some quarters, business is supposed to be about from India and a few sales are reported, but it is difficult to find out what has been done and where they have been booked. Again, one has the feeling that they are speculative purchases made by houses on this side who are taking courage into their hands, and supporting by action the opinion expressed in a many quarters lately that prices are at the moment as low for cloth and yarn as they are likely to be for some time. The mail advices from India are a little more favourable and importers are beginning to send mail enquiries for their regular lines. On the other hand some reports speak of stocks abroad being more than a six months consumption on a pre-war basis, but this we do not consider excessive, especially when there is so little on the books here to go forward, and remembering that anything bought now will not arrive out in India till probably June, July and August. The Karachi Piece Goods Association passed recently a resolution not to purchase forward for the three months ending April 16 and this is evidently a three months extension of the decision arrived at just after the Armistice was signed. It is no doubt a very wise one, as should the position alter they could if they wished very soon rescind such a resolution, in fact resolutions of this kind are not as a rule very strictly observed when they run contrary to the general interest. Should India decide to come into the market and buy we doubt very much if Karachi would be left behind.

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Mr. F. Smyth seconded that the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G. and Mr. A. S. Sorensen be re-elected directors.

Major McDonald proposed and Mr. G. E. Graham seconded that Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,000 each. Both were unanimously carried.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be had on application.

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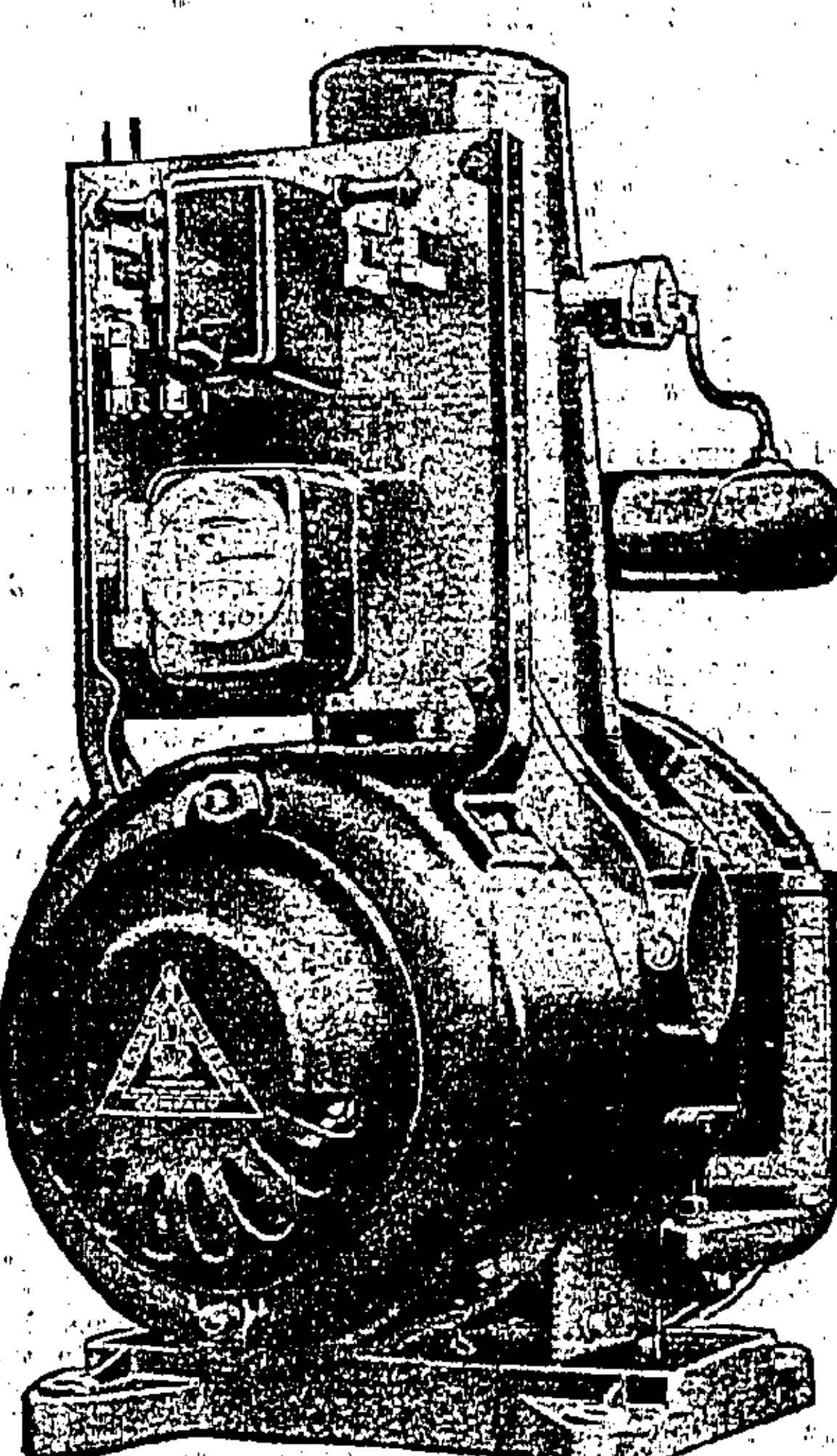
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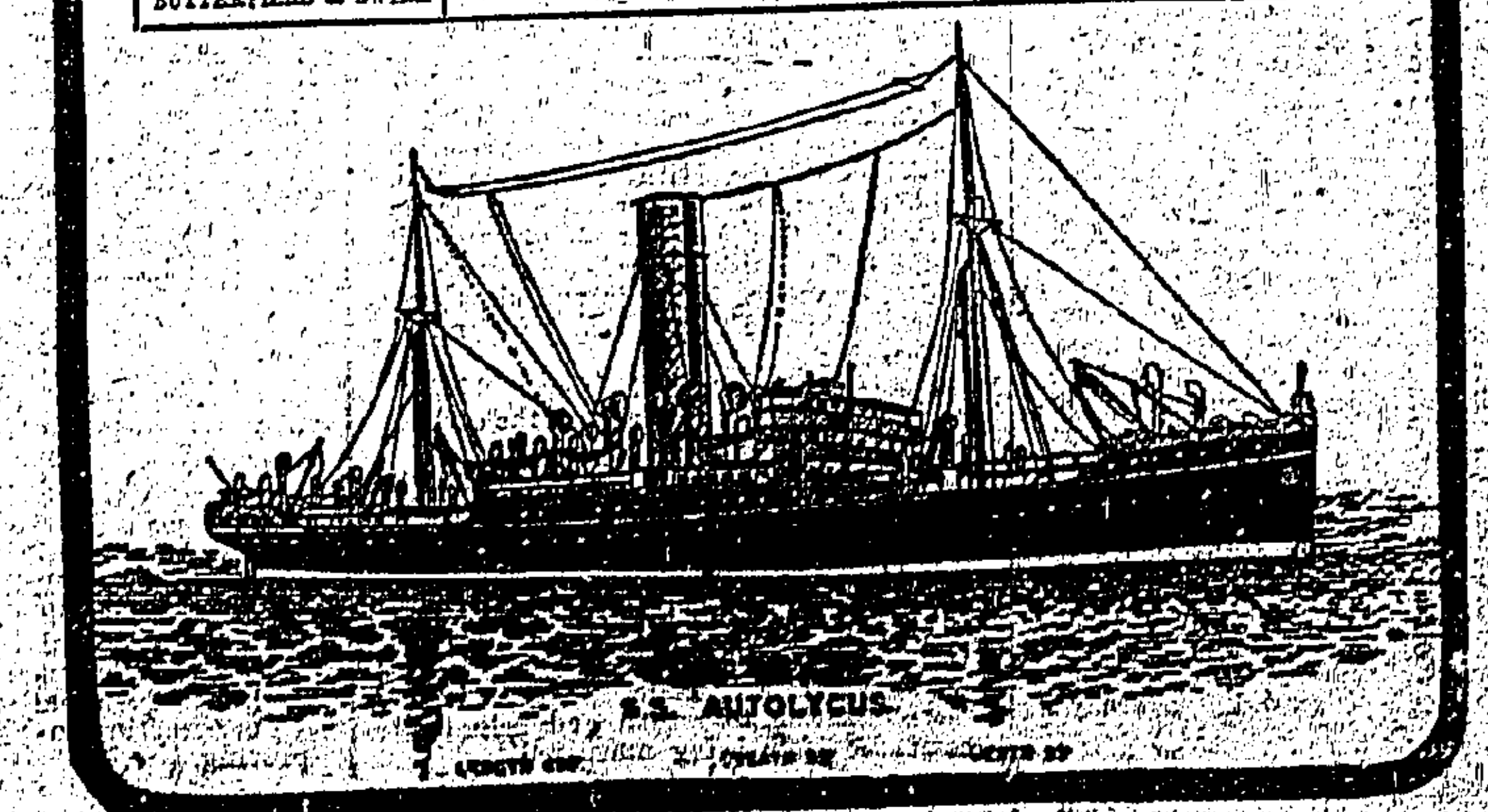
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## THE NEW CABINET.

One of the most readable and interesting of the new Cabinet members is the new Minister of Education, Mr. George, who has been a member of the Cabinet since 1910.

My dear Mr. George, I have been told a curious story of the adventures of a filter at the War Office which makes me wonder what sort of consideration is given to inventions intended to safeguard the health of the Army. The story dates back to 1910, when a combined water-bottle and filter, known as the "Hamilton Germ-proof Water-bottle," was first submitted to the authorities. The idea is simplicity itself, the filter being fitted into the mouth of the water-bottle, and the chin is made for it that it is so efficient that even if the bottle is filled with sewage the water passing through is absolutely sterile. It is easy to see that such a water-bottle would be of the greatest value to troops on active service in any part of the world, and would mean an enormous saving in transport and the present cumbersome methods of securing a pure water supply.

The idea of the filter did not seem to commend itself to the R.A.M.C., who at first declined to consider what they declared was such a scientific impossibility as a germ-proof suction filter. Under pressure, however, the Army Medical authorities agreed to test the filter, eventually rejecting it as no good whatever, and that it "kept out no germs." The identical filters were then submitted to Dr. Eyre, the well-known bacteriologist at Guy's Hospital, who, after testing them in the hospital laboratories for thirty days, gave a remarkably favourable report as to their efficiency. Since that time attempts have again and again been made to get the usefulness of the filters reconsidered, but without any effect. The last time was in May of last year, when the Army Medical authorities succeeded in losing the sample filters passed on to them by the Director of Contracts.

In view of Dr. Eyre's report it is impossible to believe that the filter is not efficient in eliminating bacteria from water, and one must look for other reasons for its rejection. The water-bottle might be considered, for instance, too costly, or the authorities may believe their present methods of sterilising water superior, though neither such reason has been given for the rejection. I should be inclined myself to put it down to the disinclination of the authorities to consider facts tending to upset their own theories as to "scientific impossibilities." If such is the case, I would suggest that the Director-General of the Army Medical Service should look into the matter for himself.

What will a future generation think of our Ministers when they discover a Freddy Smith on the Wootton and a Rufus Jones on the Bench as Lord Chief Justice of England? What shall they think of our sincerity when they find a putrefactive fluid confirmed in his office as First Commissioner of Public Works? It is said that you have revolution in this country. Well, you have evidently overcome your fear and you have done your best to provoke it.

With a complete and absolute indifference to public opinion you have placed in office men who have been condemned throughout this country as incompetent Ministers of the Crown. Under your regime almost every man responsible for the Mesopotamian horrors and whose responsibility was proved and who should have earned a long drop and a short rope has been re-established in his position.

Harding, the chief villain of the piece, goes to Paris. Chamberlain is placed in an office where he has proved himself a dismal failure. Almost every other officer condemned by the Commission has been promoted. You cannot play the damned fool with the British public like that, David! They will forgive your appointing your personal friends to high positions in the State. They will forgive your solicitor for Hon. Cecil B. de Vere, who has been with whitewash at the Marconi inquiry, but at this stage and at this great and vital period they will not forgive the brutal cynicism you have shown in the appointments to your Cabinet.

For if there is one thing more clear than another it is this, David, that the men you have appointed are not the best men for their jobs, or the best men for Britain, but rather the best men for you. You have elevated the importance of the ex-Prime Minister's entry. It seems to me, looking through your list, there is scarcely an appointment which from the public point of view is not a joke. And especially am I amused at the appointment of Sir John, that same Indian.

Sir John has gone to the House of Lords as Under-Secretary of State for India, and the Government Press tells us that his appointment will be received with acclamation in every Indian village. You might imagine that Sir John was the unknown King of India to whom the natives had an enormous respect and an attentive ear. The truth is that Sir John is a member of the Viceroy's Council, and is always prepared to "cut in" the Viceroy's hand. He is an average Bengali native opinion that Sir John, who represents the "British" in India, is a member of the Viceroy's Council, and is always prepared to "cut in" the Viceroy's hand.

And you will meet with an unqualified end. And you have

## OUR PIGHEADED OFFICIALS.

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## THE KING NOT A SALMON FISHER.

There is no foundation for the statement in some of the papers that the King is going next month to Balmoral for a short time for salmon fishing in the Dee. The King has no intention whatever of visiting Balmoral during the spring, and is not at all likely to be seen on Deeside until the latter part of August. His Majesty would not in any case go "salmon fishing," as I do not know he has ever yet tried salmon angling at Balmoral. He has been there always in September, when there is practically no fishing, as the Royal waters do not afford salmon after June. The autumn season on the Dee is a blank above Aboyne. The King's only salmon fishing has been on the Duke of Richmond's Gordon Castle water, on the Spey, which is one of the best autumn stretches in Scotland.—Truth.

ments of the times; that you have sacrificed the public interest in order to play the political game; that you have given away efficiency for power, and that you have indeed prostituted your opportunities for the sake of political support.

Far better had you challenged friends and foe alike in a spirit of pure patriotism, cast overboard the Jowans, and, if necessary, appealed again to the country to confirm your choice. There never was a greater disappointment or one more universally felt and expressed than that which we all experienced on Saturday morning.

You have given us a pedlar's compromise. You can see the bargain sticking out from almost every appointment. (You can see a lack of national sense displayed, yes, even in the appointments of the Under-Secretaries. And now I think we must prepare for another General Election. It is humanly impossible, my dear David, that you can carry your passengers. There is hardly one of them that will not sell you through ambition, through inefficiency, or through sheer spite. They are after your body and after your job. Long and Chamberlain, bitter rivals for the leadership of the Tory Party (Bonar Law was the happy compromise, and a good white man he is), will pull you down whenever the opportunity offers. Winston's "I am a member of the Government," they will never give you any chance.

Give my hand with silver, David, and I will tell you your fortune. You are going a short journey, and you will meet with an unqualified end. And you have

## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

## HUMAN NATURE AS SEEN FROM THE BENCH.

One of the most interesting aspects of a Court of Law is the opportunity it gives for the observation of that strange and elusive thing, human nature. A Court, indeed, is a kind of operating theatre in which are dissected and exposed not only the human body, but human nature and human conduct. Sheriff Orr, of Edinburgh, has been discussing various types of witnesses. Sometimes, he says, people of unimpeachable veracity, duty seeing or hearing what had been done or said close beside them. There was a temporary furor of the nerve centres, so that they could not distinguish the right hand from the left. Some became tongue-tied and absolutely incapable of expressing themselves; while others were absurdly voluble and unable to stop speaking. There was the non-committal witness who, whether out of caution or suspicion, refused to tie himself down to any definite statement either of fact or opinion about even the smallest matter. And there was a class, a small class, of people who were thoroughly at home in the witness-box, who rather enjoyed being cross-examined, who shone most brilliantly under the ordeal, and generally discomfited their assailants.

Women, in Sheriff Orr's experience, often showed unexpectedly well under the ordeal of examination. Frequently quiet and timid, women made the best impression of all. Judges listened with a favourable ear, and with joy they won triumph and often easy victories. He had witnessed the unusual sight of a young woman of no great education (all her story so quietly and effectively, and remain so unshaken under cross-examination that she not only won a verdict with handsome damages, but so captured the jury that every man of them as he left the box went up to her and in open Court "shook her" warmly by the hand. But a woman showed best when she gave testimony not of herself but on behalf of another—some one near and dear to her. A criminal charge involving perhaps breach of trust or dishonesty of some kind has sometimes looked ugly against the accused man when the testimony of a woman has turned the scale in his favour. Something in her demeanour favourably impressed the Court; she was evidently herself a good and true woman; and she still believed in this accused man.

## THE PRESIDENT OF THE R.S.A.

Sir James Guthrie has resigned the Presidency of the Royal Scottish Academy. He has been an ideal occupant of the post, and resigns partly to give some one else a chance, but mainly because, though admirably equipped for the social and diplomatic demands of the office, he would sooner live on Gareloch-side and paint pictures.

## HISTORIOGRAPHER OF SCOTLAND.

Mr. Robert S. Rait, C.B.E., M.A., Aberdeen and Oxford, Professor of Scottish History and Literature in the University of Glasgow, has been appointed Historiographer Royal in Scotland, in room of Professor Hume Brown, deceased. Professor Rait has been engaged in London on important war work for more than three years.

## £60,000 FOR GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.

Mr. William G. Gardner and Mr. Fred C. Gardner, shipowners and brokers, Glasgow, have intimated that they desire to endow three Chairs in Glasgow University—one of Bacteriology, one of Organic Chemistry, and one of Physiological Chemistry—£20,000 for each Chair, or £60,000 in all.

## A GENERAL STRIKE FOR A 40 HOURS WEEK.

Labour is threatening a general strike throughout Scotland. The origin of the trouble is found in the dissatisfaction which exists in the Clyde area and elsewhere in regard to the new working week of 47 hours which came into operation on the first day of the New Year. As a result an ultimatum in the form of a demand for a 40-hour week, consisting of five days of eight hours each, has been issued, and non-compliance is to be followed by a general stoppage of work. Many times, once or twice during the war, labour managed to make our dear country with threats of or with actual attempts at the disruption of industry. Directly challenged, the Government had no alternative but to meet with their adversaries in the field, and on several occasions were compelled to adopt a policy of conciliation in order that the larger interests of the nation might be safeguarded. The Government, however, are now in a position to meet any such demand for a 40-hour week, and are not limited in their power of doing so by the fact that they have no organized labour in the rear. We are able to remind the engineers of

the proposed general strike of some cogent facts. The first is the truth already hinted at, that the threat of a general strike is a weapon that has lost its razor edge; the nation is not now at death grips on foreign soil. The second is that no strike, great or small, can achieve success against a flood of public opinion. And such a flood is swiftly rising against the engineers who have insisted for three months that their tools are far from agreed to a 47-hour week. The third is that the masses who have insisted for three months that their tools are far from agreed to a 47-hour week. The fourth is that the masses who have insisted for three months that their tools are far from agreed to a 47-hour week. The fifth is that the masses who have insisted for three months that their tools are far from agreed to a 47-hour week. The sixth is that the masses who have insisted for three months that their tools are far from agreed to a 47-hour week. 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## THE STANDARD SHIPPING DEAL.

That there will be objections to the large purchase of standard ships which Lord Inchcape has arranged with the Ministry of Shipping goes without saying. On most of the questions involved there are sharp differences of public opinion; although the great majority of those engaged on shipping in Scotland, so far as their views have been ascertained, accept the scheme as the best possible in the circumstances. In their judgment State ownership of foreign-going shipping is not practicable. The industry does not lend itself to the application of the principle as easily as some others do. As to the average man, his strongest disinclination to approve a system of nationalisation for British shipping is, we suspect, on the grounds that (1) at the best the enterprise would be experimental; and (2) that the time of transition from industrial activity under war conditions to industrial activity in peace time is much too critical for experiments. The restoration of the Empire's industry and commerce depends very largely upon the reconstruction and reorganization of the British mercantile marine. The State might be able to accomplish that satisfactorily. There is nothing, however, in the record of its administration of British shipping during the war to suggest that it could. What is more, the public, including manufacturers and traders, have not sufficient confidence in State ownership under the prevailing conditions to desire to give it the opportunity. Therefore although believers in the nationalisation of industry may object to the deal, the great majority of the clear-headed men of business in Scotland express approval. It must be said, however, that it is difficult at the moment to tell exactly what shipowners and shipbuilders think of the transaction, for private interests in these trying days are abnormally sensitive to the effects, negative as well as positive, of control. The objection may be taken that had the tonnage been left to find its market in the usual way, prices would have declined. Considering the current need for ships, it is hardly likely, in the opinion of the Clyde, that anything of the kind would have happened. The probability is that prices would have gone up instead of down. In any case, to summarise the general views prevalent here in the North, such a scheme as Sir Joseph Maclay and Lord Inchcape are carrying through is not unshrewdly timed in the national interest, seeing that industry is everywhere in the Empire beginning to shake off the shackles of control.

## BEATTY'S DAY IN EDINBURGH.

Admiral Beatty was the central figure in one of the most memorable functions in the long history of the City of Edinburgh. It was not a mere ceremony—the signing of a Burgess roll and the receiving of an address and the presentation of a casket. It was a great public demonstration in which the "Man in the Street" took an enthusiastic part; and the formal part of the proceedings were carried out in our largest building, the Waterley Market, in the presence of over 10,000 people. It was natural that both the Lord Provost, Sir Lorne Macleod, and Admiral Beatty should emphasise the intimacy of the connection between the Firth of Forth and the Navy, and the Firth and the City are practically one. In the past the Forth has many valued associations with British naval history. But its importance in these latter days as the headquarters during the greatest war in history of the greatest Fleet that has ever sailed the seas far outweighs its most distinguished moments in times gone by. Other places may perhaps contest the honour—Scapa Flow has some claim—but the Firth of Forth can point to the indication of her pre-eminent position to Sir David Beatty's statement that the Forth had been our principal base during the war.

## SCOTTISH SOCIETY.

Mrs. Hop of Liffness, who at top recent general election attracted considerable attention by her opposition to Mr. Macquhann in the Fife, is the respondent in a petition presented to the Scottish Court of Session, for the purpose of having the trustees of the Fife County Council, who are alleged to have

in France; and the object of the petition is to remove Colonel Hope's widow from the office of guardian to her two children. Petitioners state that there were two children of the marriage, a girl and a boy. They allege that Mrs. Hope has shown herself entirely unsatisfactory as guardian of the children. She associates with undesirable persons and habitually conducts herself in a manner calculated to prejudice seriously the children's health and morality. They say that shortly after her husband's death Mrs. Hope formed improper intimacy with a married soldier. While acting as nurse in Edinburgh, she travelled on a Sunday in a taxi to Liffness accompanied by three military persons, who remained to dinner and stayed overnight. In the afternoon one of these persons was alone with Mrs. Hope in her dressing-room for two hours. In the evening the whole party was the worse of drink, and their behaviour was disgusting. In May 1918, while travelling by night train from York to Edinburgh, Mrs. Hope took the children into the guard's van. She was the worse of drink, and had a supply of whisky with her, and insisted on rubbing the children's faces. She had no money, and on refusing to pay at Edinburgh, there was an altercation on the platform. The fares were ultimately paid by the law agents of the trustees. In July of the same year Mrs. Hope

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visited the Lake district, she was accompanied by a discharged soldier who had been a professional boxer and whom she called her secretary. She also took with her a case of whisky. On the eve of the Parliamentary nomination for East Fife, Mrs. Hope left Edinburgh in a taxi at one o'clock in the morning, accompanied by her secretary, the discharged soldier, and remained in Fife about 11 a.m. On that journey she was the worse of drink. The proceedings before the Court of Session so far have been formal, and service of the petition upon Mrs. Hope was ordered.

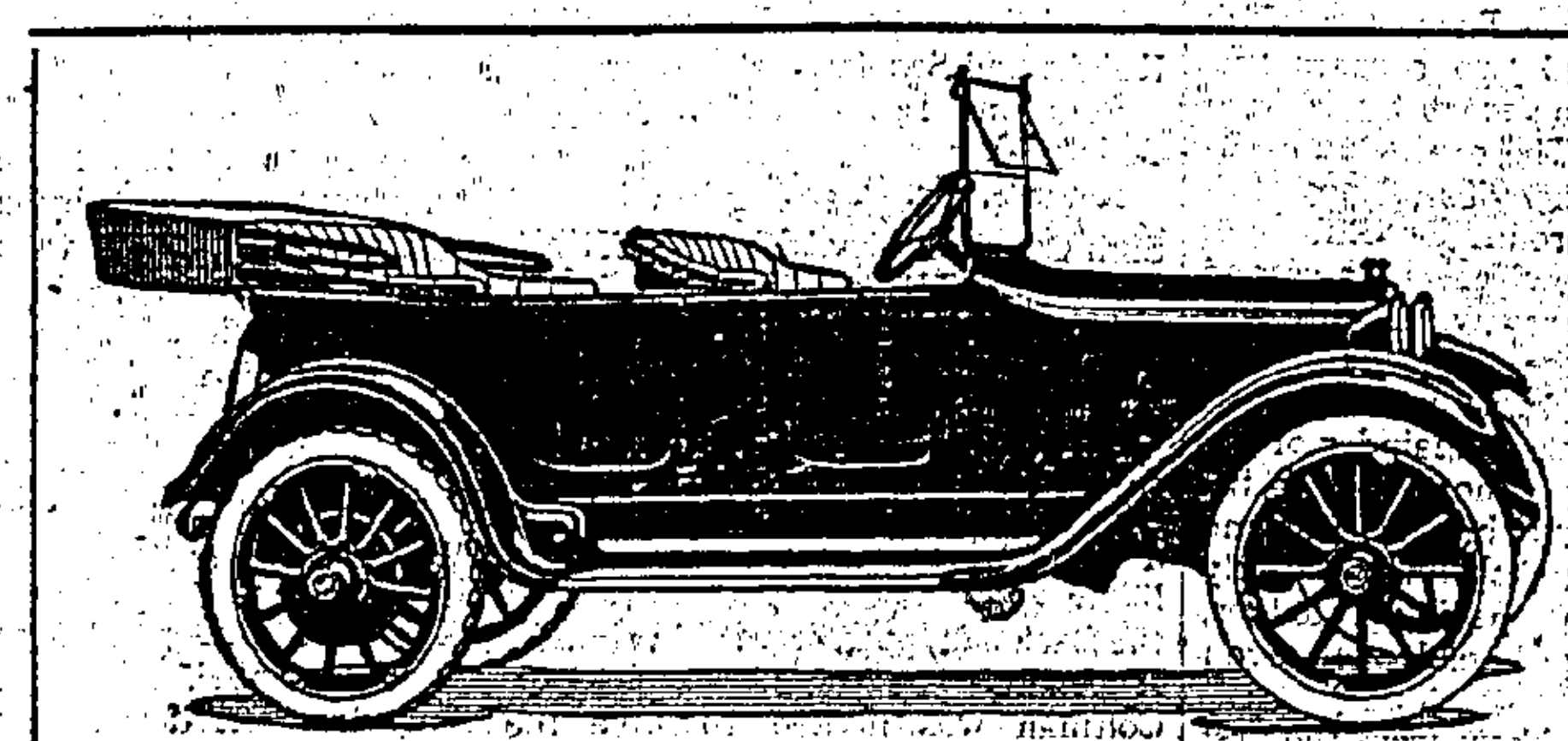
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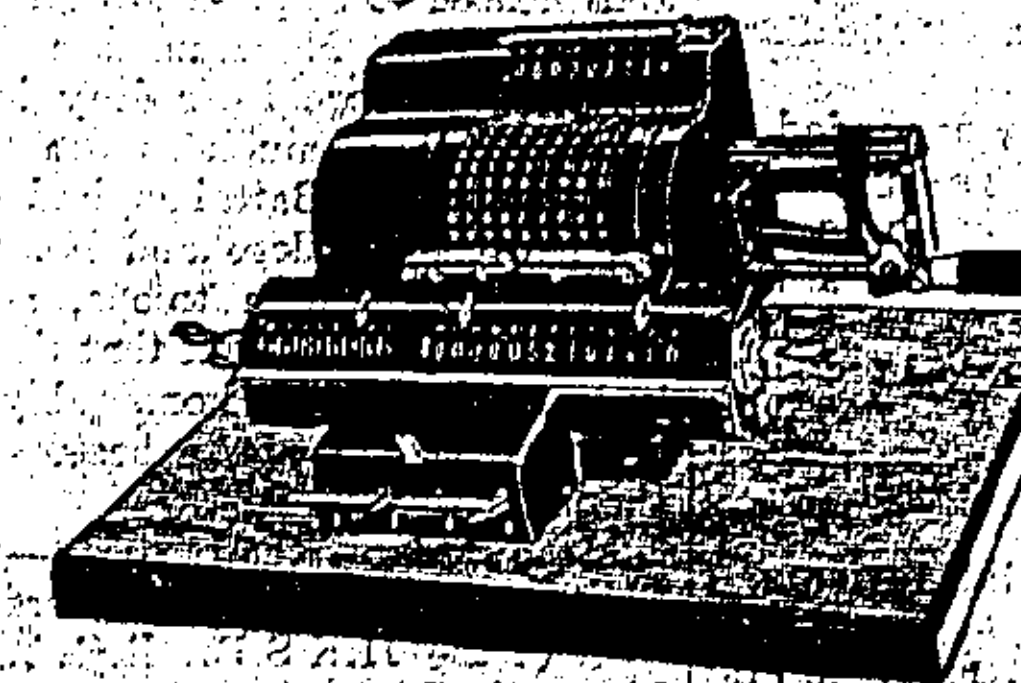
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